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BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1894-95.

REV. SOLON W. BUSH, *President*, 651 Boylston Street.

MRS. THOMAS J. HOMER, *Vice-President*, 59 Winthrop Street.

CHARLES H. PLIMPTON, *Treasurer*, 35 Waverley Street.

MRS. LEWIS J. BIRD, *Secretary*, 615 Warren Street.

ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN, *Auditor*, The Warren.

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Mrs. EDWIN WAITE.

Mrs. WILLIAM BARTON.

Mrs. SOLOMON A. BOLSTER.

Miss JENNIE MCINTOSH.

Mrs. CHARLES H. BOLLES.

Miss ANNIE F. REYNOLDS.

Matron.

Mrs. AMANDA L. MAYBERRY.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rev. SOLON W. BUSH,	651 Boylston Street
JOHN CARR,	80 Elm Hill Avenue
Mrs. LEWIS J. BIRD,	615 Warren Street
HENRY WOOD,	The Warren
WILLIAM A. PAYNE,	181 Walnut Avenue
THOMAS J. HOMER,	59 Winthrop Street
CHARLES H. PLIMPTON,	35 Waverley Street

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

Mrs. THOMAS J. HOMER,	59 Winthrop Street
Mrs. C. EDWIN MILES,	126 Warren Street
Mrs. FRANCIS J. WARD,	37 Winthrop Street

COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING AND REPLENISHING.

Mrs. WILLIAM P. KITTREDGE.	Mrs. AUGUSTUS PARKER.
Miss H. F. HOLDEN.	Mrs. CHARLES F. COPELAND.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. FRANCIS J. WARD.	Mrs. JOHN CARR.	Mrs. SOLOMON A. BOLSTER.
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COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

HENRY WOOD.	JOHN CARR.	CHARLES H. PLIMPTON.
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VISITING COMMITTEE.

April.

Mrs. MORSE,	22 Alaska Street
Mrs. COPELAND,	331 Walnut Avenue

May.

Mrs. PARKER,	266 Seaver Street
Miss HOLDEN,	121 East Cottage Street, Dorchester

June.

Mrs. MILES,	126 Warren Street
Mrs. SMYTHE,	26 Montrose Street

July.

Miss WHITE,	2 Highland Street
Mrs. HUNNEMAN,	7 Perrin Street

August.

Mrs. BOLLES,	Weymouth Heights
Mrs. BARTON,	52 Winthrop Street

September.

Mrs. CARR,	80 Elm Hill Avenue
Mrs. WAITE,	125 Stanwood Street, Dorchester

October.

Mrs. F. W. KITTREDGE,	144 Warren Street
Mrs. IRESON,	483 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston

November.

Mrs. CLAPP,	3 Rockland Street
Mrs. PLIMPTON,	35 Waverley Street

December.

Mrs. BOLSTER,	10 Cobden Street
Mrs. DENNISON,	Townsend Street

January.

Mrs. WARD,	37 Winthrop Street
Miss MCINTOSH,	2859 Washington Street

February.

Miss NEVERS,	14 Perrin Street
Mrs. TRIPP,	27 Whiting Street

March.

Mrs. Wm. KITTREDGE,	50 Moreland Street
Miss REYNOLDS,	13 Kenilworth Street

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1894.

As we look through the records of our Home for the year 1893-94, we notice most visibly the impress of Time's flying footsteps. Many changes have occurred in the membership of the Board; and we grieve to mention the loss of some of our most valued and experienced members. We miss their presence at our monthly meetings, and their words of counsel and advice.

At the meeting in September a communication was read from our Secretary, Mrs. Emily L. Couthouy, who had served so efficiently for the last seven years, resigning her office on account of removal from Roxbury. The Nominating Committee, after a month's interval, reported the name of Mrs. Lewis J. Bird to fill the vacancy; and in October she was unanimously elected. Mrs. Kellogg, whose fellowship we were sorry to lose so soon, also sent in her resignation; and Mrs. Bosworth, who had served with practical ability, since July, 1887. In December we very regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. George H. Wyman, who had been a most useful member of the Board for many years; and in March that of Miss Annie M. Haines, who had been connected with us in many capacities and whose excellent judgment made her almost invaluable. "Long time" we shall miss these friends, and hope that, in the course of the revolving seasons, some of them, at least, may return to us.

With gratitude we note the accession of new members, whose enthusiasm and energy, we trust, will quicken us to new vigor and interest in this charitable work.

One of the chief anxieties of the winter came in the form

of the serious illness of our esteemed Treasurer, Mr. Charles H. Plimpton, which occasioned great regret, but from which, as we gladly chronicle, he is rapidly recovering.

Our monthly visitors at Christmas time told us of an unusually happy holiday at the Home, where all was cheerful, bright, and glad. The feast was bountiful, and many gifts were received. But in January a little cloud arose, which gradually increased until at one time there were eighteen of our old ladies quite seriously ill. Even the Matron succumbed to the prevailing influenza. Before they all recovered, one member of the family was removed by death, Miss Rebecca Ricker Chadwick, who had endeared herself to all by her gentleness, patience, and refinement. Her funeral took place on February 1, from the Swedenborgian Church.

Renewedly, we express our obligations to the kind physicians who so readily answered our call. To Dr. Withington and especially to Dr. Lawrence our thanks are due for self-sacrificing attendance both night and day.

There are at present twenty-eight elderly women, whose ages range from sixty-four to nearly ninety, enjoying the privilege of inmates of the household. In many cases, the age is not the correct indication of their infirmity. Admission was formerly allowed at the age of sixty years; but so many applications were received that a change was deemed advisable, and the limit placed at the age of sixty-five. There are several names now on the waiting-list; and the Committee on Admissions are frequently brought in contact with worthy and deserving cases.

Our new Matron, Mrs. A. L. Mayberry, continues active and untiring in her efforts to render the whole family comfortable, and to make this truly a Home for these feeble, aged women.

We acknowledge with gratitude the many manifestations of the continued interest of our friends. Gifts of fruit and flowers, rides and drives for those able to enjoy them, books, pictures, and remembrances of all kinds are bestowed with tender thoughtfulness. All are appreciated; and many

lonely hours are brightened by some loving reminder of the good will of an absent friend.

In conclusion, we would invite everybody to be present at our Annual Sale, to be held as usual at the Home on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30. Like many others, our income has suffered by the stringency of the times; and we shall be glad of all substantial assistance which helps over hard places.

CHARLES H. PLIMPTON, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>C/r.</i>
To Balance on hand April 1, 1893,	\$1,166.94
Bequest from Caroline P. Adams,	900.00
Received from Admissions,	40.00
Income from Investments,	2,840.71
Income from C. Porter Fund,	200.00
Income from Adams Fund,	132.00
Income from Wm. Whiting Fund,	180.00
Income from Lowell Fund,	100.00
Income from E. M. Gifford Fund,	50.00
Income from Board of Inmates,	424.00
Income from Subscriptions:—	
Proceeds of Fair,	\$282.88
One hundred and twenty-seven of \$1,	127.00
Four of \$2.00,	8.00
Four of \$3.00,	12.00
Five of \$5.00,	25.00
Two of \$10.00,	20.00
Received from Matured Investments:	
April 1, 1893, B., C. & M. Bonds, 6% and 7%,	\$8,500.00
Jan. 1, 1894, B. & M. R.R. Bond, 7%,	1,000.00
	9,500.00
	<u>\$16,008.53</u>
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BOSTON, March 31, 1894.

BOSTON, April 17, 1894.

Accounts and vouchers examined and found correct.

R. B. FAIRBAIRN, *Auditor.*

ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1894.

PAR VAL.					MARKET VAL.
\$7,000.00	New York & New England R.R. Bonds, .	7%	\$107	\$7,490.00	
2,000.00	Eastern R.R. Bonds,	6%	118	2,360.00	
1,000.00	Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf R.R. Bonds, .	7%	110	1,100.00	
500.00	Columbus & Hocking Valley R.R. Bonds, .	7%	106	530.00	
1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Debenture Bonds,	5%	101	1,010.00	
5,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Convertible Bonds,	5%	103½	5,175.00	
3,000.00	Maine Central R.R. Bonds (1923),	5%	108	3,240.00	
5,000.00	Fifty Shares Albany R.R.,	8%	208	10,400.00	
4,400.00	Forty-four Shares Lowell R.R.,	7%	187	8,228.00	
400.00	Four Shares Warren National Bank,	6%	135	540.00	
1,000.00	Ten Shares National Eagle Bank,	4%	84	840.00	
2,500.00	Twenty-five Shares Boylston Insurance Co., .		60	1,500.00	
5,000.00	Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip, . . .		100	5,000.00	
2,000.00	City of Minneapolis Bonds,	7%	116	2,320.00	
2,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Northern Bonds, .	5%	102	2,040.00	
4,000.00	Louisville, N. Albany & Chicago Bonds, .	6%	100	4,000.00	
8,000.00	Chicago Junction R.R. and Stock Yards, .	5%	102	8,160.00	
1,500.00	Iowa Loan & Trust Co. Debenture Bonds, .	5½%	100	1,500.00	
2,000.00	Chicago & West Michigan R.R. Bonds, .	5%	80	1,600.00	
6,000.00	Loan on Mortgage of Real Estate,	5%		6,000.00	
878.81	Cash on hand,				878.81

CAROLINE PORTER FUND.

1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds, Convertible,	5%	103½	1,035.00
1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds, .	4%	91	910.00
2,000.00	New York & New England R.R. Bonds, .	7%	107	2,140.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds, .	4%	76	760.00

ADAMS FUND.

1,600.00	Sixteen Shares Lowell R.R.,	7%	187	2,992.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds, .	4%	76	760.00

WILLIAM WHITING FUND.

4,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds, .	4%	91	3,640.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds, .	4%	76	760.00

LOWELL FUND.

2,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds, .	4%	91	1,820.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds, .	4%	76	760.00

ELLEN M. GIFFORD FUND.

1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds, Convertible,	5%	103½	1,035.00
\$80,778.81				\$90,523.81

BOSTON, April 17, 1894.

I hereby certify that I have examined the securities, bank-book, and all other evidences of value recorded above, and find them as represented.

R. B. FAIRBAIRN, Auditor.

Dean, Miss Lilian F.
 De Normandie, Mrs. James
 Dillaway, Mrs. Charles K.
 Dillaway, Miss M. E.

Edson, Mrs. P. O'M.
 Eliot, Miss Emily B.
 Eliot, Miss Mary L.
 Emmons, Mrs. Henry

Fairbairn, Robert B.
 Fletcher, Mrs. K. P.
 Forbes, Mrs. H. D.
 Foster, Mrs. Anna S.
 Foster, Mrs. Charlotte
 Fowle, Miss Helen

Green, Mrs. Frank E.
 Guild, Mrs. James, \$10.
 Guild, Mrs. Rebecca

Haines, Miss A. M.
 Haley, Mrs. C. L.
 Hall, Mrs. Solomon, \$2.
 Harmon, Mrs. Ivory
 Harrington, Miss I. D.
 Harrington, Miss M. S.
 Harris, Mrs. Edward C.
 Harvey, Mrs. Charles C.
 Hayward, Mrs. J. W.
 Heath, Miss Elizabeth
 Hemenway, Mrs. A.
 Hobbs, Miss Alice A.
 Hobbs, Mrs. George M.
 Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
 Holden, Miss H. F.
 Homer, Mrs. T. J.
 Homer, Thomas J.
 Howard, Miss H. S., \$3.
 Humphreys, R. C.
 Humphreys, Mrs. R. C.
 Hunneman, Mrs. S. H.

Ireson, Mrs. Wesley
 Jackson, Mrs. A. C.

Kellogg, Mrs. George F.
 Kittredge, Francis W.
 Kittredge, Mrs. Francis W.
 Kittredge, Mrs. William P.

Lamson, Mrs. Joseph
 Lane, Mrs. Benjamin P.
 Leland, Mrs. William S.
 Loring, David
 Loring, Mrs. David
 Lowell, Miss Anna C., \$3.

Martin, Mrs. Henry A., \$5.
 Miles, Dr. C. E.
 Miles, Mrs. C. E.
 Monroe, Mrs. George H.
 Morrill, Mr. George
 Morrill, Mrs. George
 Morse, Mrs. Lewis W.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.
 Nazro, Miss M. W.
 Nevers, Miss Lucy A.
 Newell, Mrs. James W.
 Noble, John
 Noble, Mrs. John
 Norton, Mrs. J. H.

Otis, Mrs. Harriet B.

Paine, William A.
 Parker, Mrs. Augustus
 Parker, Mrs. J. Wells
 Parker, Miss M. S.
 Parker, Miss Sarah
 Pettee, Mrs. Seth, \$2.
 Pierce, Miss M. E.
 Plimpton, Charles H.
 Plimpton, Mrs. Charles H.
 Pollock, Mrs. Charles

Rice, Mrs. David, \$5.
 Rice, Mrs. George Woods
 Rogers, Miss Elizabeth L.
 Rogers, Miss Laura D.
 Rogers, Miss Susan S., \$3.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes, \$5.	Wadsworth, Mrs. G. W.
Simes, Mrs. William	Waite, Edwin
Smith, Miss A. E.	Waite, Mrs. Edwin
Smith, Mrs. S. L.	Ward, Mr. Francis J.
Smythe, Mrs. J. K.	Ware, Miss Harriet
Snow, Miss Salome H.	Ware, Mrs. Leonard
Souther, Horatio H.	Waterman, Mrs. Geo. H.
Stanton, Mrs. F. L.	Wheelock, Mrs. J. Andrews
Swett, Miss Eliza G.	Wheelwright, Mrs. George, \$5.
Swett, Miss Ellen L.	Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
Swift, Mrs. C. L.	White, Miss Margaret U.
	White, Miss S. D. H.
Taylor, Mrs. L.	Whiting, Mrs. A. J.
Thacher, Miss C. B.	Williams, Mrs. R. B.
Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C., \$3	Wood, Henry
Townsend, E. B.	Worthington, Mrs. Roland, \$2.
Townsend, Mrs. John	Wortman, Miss M. A.
Tripp, Miss Marion C.	Wyman, Mrs. George H.
Tuttle, Mrs. Thomas W.	

Bequests to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women
since April 1, 1884:—

Mrs. Mary Vinton,	\$500.00
Miss Sarah Bradford,	500.00
Mrs. Mehitable Adams,	1,000.00
John H. Eastburn,	3,000.00
Mrs. Catharine C. Humphreys,	1,000.00
Benjamin F. Penniman,	127.73
Mrs. Catharine L. Pray,	500.00
Miss Sarah A. Hart,	2,000.00
Joseph W. Tucker,	500.00
Charles G. Emmons,	500.00
Stephen Williams,	38,710.61
Miss Mary Williams,	5,000.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford,	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary W. Hollingsworth,	400.00
Miss Susan M. Weld,	300.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams,	1,000.00

We would also acknowledge from our friends many kind gifts and donations, sometimes coming most opportunely and always welcome. Among these we especially remember:—

Mrs. McElroy.	Mr. F. O. White.
Mrs. Lingham.	Mrs. Davenport.
Mrs. Whitcomb.	Mrs. Dillaway.
Mrs. Flint.	Mrs. Noyes.
Mrs. Way.	Miss Bacon.
Mrs. Tilden.	Miss Moore.
Mrs. Davis.	Miss Fisher.
Mrs. Goodwin.	Mrs. Foster.
Mrs. Root.	Mrs. Cole.
Miss Sanderson, Scranton, Pa.	Mrs. Charles N. Morse.
Mr. Ball.	Fresh Air Fund.

Carriage tickets from B. Y. M. C. U.

Rev. Mr. Bush, Mr. Henry Wood, turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Many gifts of flowers, fruit, cake, etc., from Walnut Avenue Church and Sunday-school.

Also to those ladies and gentlemen who have made melody for us, which is always gratefully received, and whose strains are remembered with delight long after the actual vibrations have ceased. May the echo be heard in their own hearts in their own shadowed days!

Mrs. Stevenson.	Mrs. Durell.
Mrs. Boyden.	Mrs. F. O. White.
Miss Helen Fowle.	Miss Fisher.
Miss Hunneman.	Miss Waldron.
Miss Whitcomb.	Miss Howe.
Miss Sears.	Miss Eaton.
Rev. Mr. Goodell.	Miss Perkins.
Mr. and Mrs. Nazro.	

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Every Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M., excepting during the months of July and August, a sacred service is held, to which any neighbor or friend is cordially invited, and which is much enjoyed by the members of the family. To the following friends, both ministers and laymen, who have so kindly assisted in conducting these services, our hearty thanks are tendered:—

Rev. C. R. Eliot.	Mr. F. W. Kittredge.
Mr. R. C. Humphreys.	Mr. E. B. Reynolds.
Rev. James De Normandie.	Deacon Day.
Mrs. Jane L. Patterson.	Rev. W. H. Bolster.
Rev. A. H. Plumb.	Rev. Loren Macdonald.
Rev. C. L. Goodell.	Rev. W. R. Campbell.
Rev. D. W. Waldron.	Rev. Charles Page.
Rev. Mr. Raymond.	Rev. C. P. Mills.
Rev. A. H. Putnam.	Mrs. A. B. Hunter.
Rev. Mr. Wellington.	Rev. Mr. Palmer.
Rev. W. E. Barton.	Rev. Julian K. Smythe.
Rev. Solon W. Bush.	Rev. Judson Smith.
Rev. W. H. Lyon.	Rev. Caleb D. Bradlee.
Rev. Dr. Kneeland.	Mr. Alfred Bunker.

INMATES.

NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.
Miss Sarah Seaverns,	Nov. 14, 1806
Mrs. Mary W. Lawrence,	Nov. 19, 1806
Miss Elizabeth R. Davies,	Sept. 10, 1808
Mrs. Mary Misner,	Feb. 16, 1812
Mrs. Ellen Lawler,	July 26, 1812
Miss Elizabeth Paterson,	June 30, 1814
Miss Lydia Learned,	Nov. 10, 1814
Miss Anna D. Fiske,	Feb. 12, 1815
Mrs. Abby B. Child,	March 7, 1816
Miss M. Louise Crawley,	April 12, 1816
Mrs. Eliza R. Carson,	June 11, 1816
Mrs. Elizabeth Colley,	Aug. 10, 1816
Mrs. Catherine Stark,	Dec. 25, 1816
Miss Jane Peer,	Feb. 11, 1817
Miss Eliza Brereton,	March 6, 1818
Miss Prudence S. Nichols,	Oct. 14, 1818
*Miss Eliza A. Sargent,	Aug. 10, 1819
Mrs. Sally A. Wormwood,	Jan. 27, 1821
Mrs. Tencie W. Rogers,	May 25, 1822
Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes,	Sept. 7, 1822
Miss Maria Hanscom,	July 3, 1823
Mrs. Elizabeth Frieze,	Dec. 5, 1824
Mrs. Lucy R. Warren,	Nov. 17, 1825
Miss Elizabeth Teed,	Nov. 21, 1825
Miss Ellen M. Tibbets,	April 20, 1826
Miss Mary A. Dolan,	March 8, 1827
Miss Abbie Ireson,	Feb. 26, 1829
Miss Lucy R. Kirby,	Sept. 25, 1829

* Died April 22, 1894.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. James Ritchie, John Rogers, Charles K. Dillaway, and James Waldock, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for the purpose of providing for destitute children and aged females, and affording a temporary home for the same, with all the powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes. . .

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, May 30, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

May 31, 1856.

Approved.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, June 3, 1856.

A true copy.

Attest:

THOMAS DEWITT,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[CHAPTER 199.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation known as the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" is changed to the "Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women."

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 20, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

JOHN E. SANFORD, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, April 23, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. B. LORING, *President.*

April 24, 1874.

Approved.

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 28, 1886.

A true copy.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL.]

DEPUTY HENRY J. COOLIDGE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE.

AN ACT

Enabling the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury," is repealed, and the following is substituted in place thereof: Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 12, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, *President.*

Feb. 15, 1883.

Approved.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, March 1, 1883.

A true copy.

Attest:

HENRY B. PEIRCE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 1884.

ARTICLE I.

The corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Act of Incorporation, all Life and Honorary Members, and of all such persons as shall have received, at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, and shall pay such sum as shall be voted as the annual assessment. Membership to cease upon non-payment of the annual assessment.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation, under the name of the "Board of Managers," shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and not more than thirty other persons, all of whom shall be members of the corporation. They shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and qualified. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be holden on the fourth Tuesday of April; and the Board of Managers may call special meetings of the corporation whenever in their opinion expedient or desirable, and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty members. Notice of time and place of meeting shall be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Boston at least four days previous to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month, at such place and hour as they shall direct; and special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Vice-President, or Committee for the month. Notices of such special meetings shall state the object for which they are called. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose committees from their own members on Finance, Supplies, Repairs, Admissions, and such other committees as may be necessary to perform any special duties. They shall have full power to take any measure which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; and they shall make an annual report to the corporation, on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the Home, and give an abstract of their doings for the year.

ARTICLE V.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of one or more from the Board of Managers for every month, whose duty it shall be to visit the Home at least once a week, ascertain all needs, make fitting suggestions, give orders for necessary purchases, and submit their report at the succeeding monthly meeting. They shall also have supervision over outside beneficiaries.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer under the direction of the Committee on Finance shall have the charge and care of the finances, shall receive all moneys due, and shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Board of Managers of their authorized committees. He shall render an account annually to the corporation and quarterly to the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

AUDITOR.

The auditor shall, in the month of April of every year, audit the account of the Treasurer, examine the property of the corporation, and append his report to the Treasurer's annual statement.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each, with the names of those present at Board meetings,

and shall notify the members of the Visiting Committee of their term of service, and shall bring to the attention of the Board all communications requiring action.

ARTICLE IX.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of \$50 may become a Life Member by a vote of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE X.

ADMISSION OF INMATES.

Preference shall be given to those applicants who are residents of that part of Boston formerly known as Roxbury. The Managers may, if they deem it expedient, aid beneficiaries at their own home.

ARTICLE XI.

DONATIONS.

All sums received by the Association as donations or bequests, unless the donor or testator shall otherwise prescribe, and all moneys collected, including subscriptions, may be applied to the current expenses of the Institution, or to create or increase a permanent fund, or be otherwise invested at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing By-laws may be altered, amended, or added to by a vote of a majority of the members present at any legal meeting of the corporation, notice thereof having been given of the change proposed in the call of said meeting.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

The visitors for the month shall visit the Home not less than once a week. It shall be their duty to see the inmates, inquire into their condition, and give such encouragement and advice as may be in their power or the circumstances of the case seem to require. The Committee shall have the general oversight of the Matron and the concerns of the family. They shall ascertain the needs of the Institution, and direct the purchase of such articles as may be required for its temporary welfare and comfort. They shall see that the Matron conforms to the rules as to her own conduct and that of the family, and they shall make a monthly report to the Managers of the Institution.

ARTICLE II.

MATRON.

The Matron, under direction of the Visiting Committee, shall have charge of the house. She shall in no case be absent during the night without permission from the Visiting Committee. She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Managers, and carry out such others as may be prescribed by the Visiting Committee. She shall be present at meals, see that they are properly served, and that all the inmates who are in health are present, and that suitable food be prepared for the sick. She shall report to the Visiting Committee the names of all applicants and the date of application, and, if presents be made to the Institution, the names of the persons making them, and the character of the donation. She shall at all times maintain the respect due to her station, and by kindness, attention, and judicious treatment endeavor to gain the esteem and secure the comfort and happiness of all those under her care. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she shall, after the first offence, report the same to the Visiting Committee. She will, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, have the direction of nurses, domestics, and all other employees in the building. It shall be her duty to see that neatness and good conduct prevail in every part of the establishment, and that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished by 9:30 P.M.

ARTICLE III.

ON ADMISSIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to visit each applicant and inquire into her circumstances and character, and make a full report to the Board in writing in regard to those deemed by them proper persons for admission to the Home, always accompanied with a certificate from a physician of good standing that he has examined the applicant, and that she has no physical or mental infirmity that should preclude her admission. The Board shall, in all cases, decide upon the admission of candidates. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to keep a record, in which shall be entered the names of all applicants, their respective ages, places of birth and residence, by whom recommended, date of application, and such other information as may be of importance. No person shall be admitted as an inmate of the Home without a recommendation from this Committee.

SECT. 2. No person shall be admitted to the Home unless of American parentage, except by a majority of all the Managers present and voting at a regular meeting; and preference shall always be given to natives or residents of Roxbury.

SECT. 3. Persons under sixty-five years of age shall not be eligible. In the admission of all persons, they shall be received on probation of three months, at the expiration of which the Board of Managers shall act definitely on the case of each one so received; and, if not confirmed as permanent inmates, the admission fee, deducting three dollars per week, shall be returned.

SECT. 4. The Board of Managers may by vote admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the corporation or the circumstances of any peculiar case may seem to demand. Until otherwise ordered, three hundred dollars shall be the fee for admission. Furniture and other articles brought into the house by or for permanent inmates must remain for the benefit of the Home.

SECT. 5. The Board of Managers have the right at any time to discharge and remove from the Home any inmate who has been guilty of disobedient or disorderly conduct, or who, in their judgment, has by her conduct rendered such action necessary for the best interests of the Institution, *provided*, however, that no vote of removal shall be passed, unless the intention to pass such vote shall have been inserted in the notice calling the meeting.

SECT. 6. Inmates who have property must secure the same to the corporation before admission; and, in case of money or other property coming into their possession after their admission, by inheritance, bequest, or otherwise, they must, if they continue in the Home, make the same over to the corporation upon the demand of the Board of Managers.

SECT. 7. Inmates will be required in all cases to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Home, as provided by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

INMATES.

SECTION 1. The inmates will be required at all times to treat the Matron and Visiting Committee with deference and respect. They will also endeavor, by quiet and gentle manners, to diffuse an air of cheerfulness and good feeling throughout the establishment; and, by acts of kindness and forbearance, to gain the esteem and promote the happiness and comfort of each other.

SECT. 2. Those who are able will be required to make their own beds and to keep their own rooms in order, neat and clean, and, under direction of the Matron, to assist those who are unable to do the same. They will also be expected to assist in domestic duties and in sewing, and generally to render all the services they can for the benefit of the Institution and the comfort of those inmates more helpless than themselves.

SECT. 3. No intoxicating drinks shall be used, except by order of the physician; and, in such cases, they must be administered by the Matron.

SECT. 4. All that is necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home will be provided from the funds of the Association. No inmate, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance or procure work, unless by special permission from the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 5. No inmate will be allowed to interfere with the Matron or to obstruct her in the discharge of her duties, but any one having cause of complaint must present the same to the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 6. If any inmate desires to visit her friends or to go off the premises at any time, permission must be obtained of the Matron, who, before granting the same, must ascertain where the person wishes to go and how long she proposes to be absent.

SECT. 7. All of the inmates who are able will take their meals at the regular table provided for them, and will also attend the Sunday service held for them in the parlor each Sunday afternoon.

ARTICLE V.

Visitors may be permitted any day in the week between the hours of 10 and 12 A.M. and 2 and 6 P.M., and on Sundays after 2 o'clock P.M.

ARTICLE VI.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended, or abrogated, and others prescribed at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers; and, to insure harmony, strict attention should be paid to them.



